



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado received limited precipitation along the Front Range and on the Eastern Plains last week. The much needed moisture was welcomed by farmers, but soil moisture ratings continue to show that extremely dry conditions persist. Temperatures dipped below average last week with the snow and rain. Farmers were allowed 5.8 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	31	41	28	0
Last Week	40	39	21	0
Last Year	16	31	52	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	53	39	8	0
Last Week	62	32	6	0
Last Year	19	32	48	1

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat emergence continued behind the average reaching 77 percent last week compared with 91 percent for the 5-year average. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

**Row Crops:** Corn progressed to 80 percent harvested, 19 points ahead of the 5-year average. Sorghum progress increased to 97 percent mature and 38 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly very poor to poor condition. Sugarbeet harvest continued last week with 85 percent harvested by week's end. Sunflower harvest progressed to 61 percent complete, with the crop's condition mostly ranging from very poor to poor.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 28, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum					
This Week	54	38	6	2	0
Last Year	9	19	52	19	1

**Pasture and Range:** The condition of pastureland is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 28, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	57	25	15	3	0
Prev. Year - 2011	19	19	34	27	1
5-Year Avg.	7	18	38	3	4

**Livestock:** The condition of livestock was rated fair to good at the end of last week. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies continue to be rated as short for this time of year.

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 28, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Corn</b>				
Harvested	80	64	52	61
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Mature	97	85	93	97
Harvested	38	21	30	45
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	85	63	64	71
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	61	40	54	63
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Planted	99	99	99	99
Emerged	77	66	92	91

- Represents zero.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	2	12	45	40	1
<b>Sunflowers</b>	46	27	16	11	0
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	6	18	46	29	1

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

